

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD MEETING SESSION – DIVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/
DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY/OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT
JUNE 18, 2013**

ITEM 7

SUBJECT

SIX MONTH UPDATE ON THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM, THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND PROGRAM, AND THE OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO FRAUD AGAINST THE CLEANUP FUND.

DISCUSSION

At its regular meetings on May 19 and November 18, 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted resolutions directing staff to implement a number of actions to improve the administration of the UST Cleanup Fund and UST Cleanup Programs. One of these actions was for the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) and the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) to report every six months at a meeting of the State Water Board on the progress toward completion of these activities.

The Legislature and the State Water Board have taken a number of actions over the last two years with the intent of ensuring that cases meet closure criteria and resources be directed at those cases and that those cases that are affecting beneficial uses and human health are addressed expeditiously. DFA and DWQ staff will jointly provide updates on efforts to implement these laws and Board resolutions. The Office of Enforcement will also provide an update on UST enforcement efforts.

POLICY ISSUE

None. Information Item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Information Item.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

None. Information Item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

None. Information Item.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the State and Regional Water Boards in reaching Goals 2, 5, and 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012 to improve and protect groundwater quality in high-use basins by 2030, improve transparency and accountability, and enhancing consistency across the State and Regional Water Boards to ensure our processes are effective, efficient and predictable.